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SUBJECT: NOTES ON OPEC MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED OPEC SECRETARIAT CONFIRMS THAT CHIEF M. O. FEYIDE WAS ELECTED DEC. 12 DURING FIRST DAY OF MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE AS SECRETARY GENERAL TO SUCCEED DR. ABDERRAHMAN KHENE. CHIEF FEYIDE, NIGERIA'S CURRENT REPRESENTATIVE AS OPEC GOVERNOR, WAS OPEC BOARD CHAIRMAN IN 1971 AND 1972. VIENNA PRESS STATES THAT FEYIDE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CRUDE OIL AFFAIRS IN NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT, A DIRECTOR OF AGIP AND MOBIL OIL IN NIGERIA, AND HOLDS A LEADING POSITION IN NIGERIAN STATE OIL COMPANY.

2. A FRONT-PAGE "DIE PRESSE" REPORT ON THE DEC. 12 BOMB SCARE AT OPEC HEADQUARTERS SAID THAT CANADIAN EMBASSY, WHICH LOCATED IN SAME BUILDING AS OPEC (AND TEXACO AS WELL), RECEIVED ANONYMOUS PHONE CALL AT 1530 HOURS THAT A BOMB WOULD EXPLODE IN TWENTY MINUTES. BUILDING WAS EVACUATED AND SEARCHED FROM CELLAR TO ATTIC BUT NOTHING WAS FOUND. SEVERAL OPEC MINISTERS WHO HAD ALREADY ARRIVED FOR AFTERNOON SESSION WERE FORCED AWAIT END OF BOMB ALERT BEFORE THEY COULD ENTER BUILDING. MEETING WAS DELAYED ABOUT THREE HOURS. WE UNDERSTAND MINISTERS MET WITHOUT ADVISORS IN AFTERNOON SESSION. END UNCLASSIFIED.

3. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE ACCORDING HEAD OF OPEC ADMINISTRATION DEPT.: (A) A REPUBLIC OF CONGO MINISTER CAME TO VIENNA SINCE CONGO SEEKING ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP STATUS. HOWEVER, MINISTER NOT ATTENDING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONFERENCE AND CONGO HAS NOT BEEN ADMITTED AS ASSOCIATE MEMBER. (B) MINISTERS HAVE DECIDED HOLD NEXT REGULAR SEMI-ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN LIBREVILLE. (C) CHIEF FEYIDE'S TERM WILL BE TWO YEARS, AS IS CASE WHEN SECRETARY GENERAL IS ELECTED ON A COUNTRY/ROTATION BASIS.

4. WE HAVE JUST HEARD (1230 HRS.) FROM A EUROPEAN

DIPLOMAT THAT REPEATED BOMB THREATS DIRECTED AT OPEC
SECRETARIAT THIS MORNING HAVE CAUSED MINISTERS TO
MOVE MEETING TO HOTEL IMPERIAL. SOURCE SAID
IMPERIAL RELUCTANTLY CONFIRMED MINISTERS
ARE MEETING AT HOTEL. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.HUMES

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